

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

IONIA COUNTY

This listing for Ionia County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

ENRICH Volunteer & Information Center of Ionia County

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clinton and Ionia Counties

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clinton and Ionia Counties provides mentoring for youth, ages six to 17, by matching them with screened, trained, and professionally supervised community volunteers. One-on-one and peer mentoring programs are offered at local schools and community centers, and community-based mentoring programs are offered throughout the two-county service area. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a six month commitment, which typically involves one to two hours per week. Mentors can select a program that takes place during morning, afternoon, afterschool, evenings, or weekend hours.

EightCAP, Inc. – Foster Grandparent Program

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Program Description:

The Foster Grandparent Program assigns senior volunteers, Foster Grandparents, to a wide variety of settings where they help children who have special or exceptional needs as identified through a school or social service agency. The Foster Grandparents mentor troubled teenagers, young mothers, children with physical and/or mental disabilities, children who may have been abused or neglected, and other at risk children. Foster Grandparents are involved with one-on-one, group, and e-mentoring programs with preschool through high school students. Foster Grandparents are expected to make a year-round commitment, which involves 20 hours of service a week.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

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T.E.A.M. Teens Excel After Mentoring

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Program Description:

T.E.A.M. (Teens Excel After Mentoring) provides one-on-one mentoring relationships between an adults and elementary, middle, and high school students. Mentors provide guidance, friendship, and academic support during the school year. Once a match is made, hopefully, the mentor and mentee will continue their relationship throughout the mentee's academic career. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves four to six hours per month during school hours.